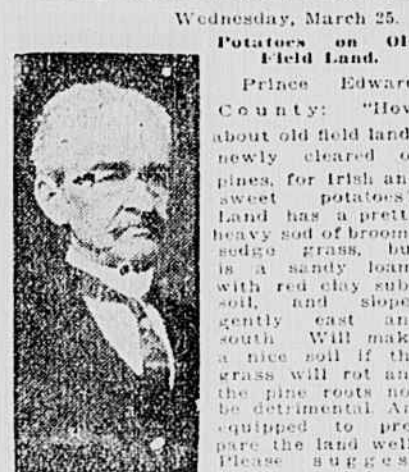


## WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

(Letters addressed to Professor Massey must have stamp inclosed for answer.)



W. F. Massey.

Wednesday, March 25.  
Potatoes on Old Field Land.  
Prince Edward County: "How about old field land, newly cleared of pines, for Irish and sweet potatoes? Land has a pretty good crop of brown sedge grass, but is a sandy loam, with red clay subsoil. Should I plow it and plant it? Or should I have a clover sod, etc., for potatoes, but have not and wish to plant an acre or so on this land. Could not get the land for fall plowing." With a good deep plowing and preparation and liberal fertilization, the land should make good crops of Irish and sweet potatoes and the fact that there is some vegetable matter on it will be an advantage.

The standard fertilizer used largely in Eastern North Carolina by the great potato growers is 500 pounds of acid phosphate, 100 pounds of nitrate of soda, 50 pounds of sulphate of potash, and fifty pounds of nitrate of soda an acre, well mixed and put in the furrows under the beds and the fertilizer for Irish potatoes well mixed in the soil for the furrows. This should make good crops on this fresh land.

Sundry Questions.  
Culpeper County: "I have eight acres now in rice, which I mean to sow in the spring. I am told that this land needs lime. How much should I use an acre, and when should it be applied? Should I use acid phosphate on the peas? They are to be turned under to plow the land in grass. I have another field which has been plowed deep and left bare in the winter. Peas and millet were on this field last summer, and I shall plant it in corn. It, too, needs lime. Shall I put it on now as soon as I can get it? Land has been manured during the winter. I am in New York and the farm in Culpeper County, Va." Do not apply lime before sowing the peas, as lime often is detrimental to peas, contrary to the other legumes. But apply 1,000 pounds of freshly slaked lime an acre after the peas have been turned under, and then harrow it in.

Availability of Organic Materials.  
"Please tell me the relative availability of lime as compared with dried blood and fish scrap. Will lime be as available under tobacco as dried blood or fish scrap? There is very little difference in the availability of the different forms of organic nitrogen. They all have to go through the process of nitrification by the agency of the soil bacteria, and it depends on how quickly the material will decay. Dried blood will probably be changed to nitrate more quickly than tankage or fish, and dried blood is a better source for organic nitrogen on tobacco than any other. In a complete fertilizer, in which a due percentage of phosphoric acid is already provided for the peas, or the fish would increase the phosphoric more than the blood. So far as

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the time taken by these different materials to get complete nitrified there is very little difference.

Questions from Elizabeth City County.  
"1. Would you recommend a hollow tile silt to be as good as a wooden one?  
"2. Do you recommend putting soy beans in the silt with corn? If so, how would it do to plant the beans in the same row with the corn and cut both at same time?  
"3. Will seed corn from Easton, Md., do as well as seed corn from Chesterfield County in this section?  
"4. I have two pasture lots, each five acres. Grass is getting thin. How much manure for each, and what sort of a mixture of grasses should I try on it now? Land level and moist.  
"5. I want to sow soy beans in rows, and also cowpeas in same way, to be harvested by the combine machine. What varieties would you advise, and when to plant? What sort of fertilizer to use in rows or broadcast?  
"6. Turning crimson clover for sweet potatoes, what home-mixed fertilizer to use?  
"7. Turned heavy crop of cowpeas put in rice. Will turn in April. Want to plant a late crop of Irish potatoes. What can I do with the land between turning under the rice and planting the potatoes, and what fertilizer on the potatoes?  
"8. Fertilizing late crop of tomatoes, what mixture and how applied? Land now in oats and covered with manure by spreader. Will cut oats in dough state about May 15 for hay.  
"9. Have a lot of winter barley, and have no plow nor thrasher. Will it make good hay, or should I plow it under and put in cowpeas or soy beans?  
"10. Have a lot of orzer shell lime. Will it do to use some on cowpeas and soy beans just before planting them?  
"11. The only advantage of the hollow tile for silt construction is that it will last longer. But you can build several wooden sills with wooden hoops for the money one the silt would cost for the new one. Should I plow it under and put in cowpeas or soy beans?  
"12. You will get a better crop with corn only in the rows. The mixture of the two will make good silage, perhaps, but the difference in maturity will make some difference in the material.  
"13. Seed corn from a distance will never do it best the next season, but the corn from Maryland, grown in a salt water section, would be likely to do better than that from the upper country.  
"14. You can disk the sod over lightly and sow twenty pounds of orzer grass seed an acre and then roll tight grain, or half orcher grass and half meadow fescue. Sow 200 pounds home mixed an acre.  
"15. For seed-making, plant the Whip-poorwill peas and the Mammoth Yellow soy beans in June, and give them a broadcast application of 200 pounds of acid phosphate and twenty-five pounds of muriate of potash an acre.  
"16. Disk the clover well both ways to chop it up well before plowing it under, and use in the furrows under the beans 500 pounds of acid phosphate and fifty pounds of sulphate of potash an acre.  
"17. Turn the rice as soon as the soil is in good order to work, and sow a bushel an acre of Canada field peas, and turn these under for the potatoes, using the same fertilizer as for the sweet potatoes.  
"18. On land that has had a coat of manure you will need for tomatoes about the same fertilizer as for sweet potatoes, applied between the rows after setting the plants and cultivated in.  
"19. The barley will make fairly good hay for cows, but the heads will make it bad for horses. You can row peas after cutting it and give them the 300 pounds of acid phosphate and twenty-five pounds of muriate of potash an acre.  
"20. Never lime ahead of cowpeas or soy beans, as lime is often detrimental to these. Lime after plowing under green growth and harrow it in.

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**REFUSES \$12,500 TO JUMP BRAVES**

Hot Springs, Ark., March 24.—Cady, Boston American League catcher, announced today that he had refused a Federal League offer of \$12,500 a year, and a bonus of \$5,000 offered him to sign with the Pittsburgh club for the money one the silt would cost for the new one. Cady has already signed a contract with the Boston club.

An announcement was made today as to whether Cady would be playing for the Pittsburgh club. The manager of the Pittsburgh club, John D. W. White, said that Cady would be playing for the Pittsburgh club. Cady, who is a native of Hot Springs, Ark., is a well-known player.

**NEGRO GETS SENTENCE OF THIRTEEN YEARS.**  
Annapolis, Md., March 24.—Arthur White, negro, charged with the murder of a white girl, was sentenced today to a term of thirteen years in the penitentiary. The girl, who was named Mary, was found dead in a field near the White house. White, who is a native of Annapolis, was arrested after a long search.

**OPENING OF FASHION WEEK.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., March 24.—The opening of the season's fashion week was held today at the Hotel Merchants Association. The event was attended by a large number of the city's fashionable people.

**BROWNS OUTHIT BIRMINGHAM CLUB.**  
Birmingham, Ala., March 24.—Birmingham hit the first and fifth innings of the game with the Browns. The Browns, who were the visiting team, won the game by a score of 5 to 3.

**English Team Victor.**  
London, March 24.—England was victorious over America this afternoon in the first of the series of cricket matches that are being staged at Queens Club.

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## SEASON TRADED TO CHICAGO FEDS

Chicago, March 24.—Tom Seaton, the pitcher, was traded today by the Brooklyn Federal League to the Chicago Federal League. Seaton, who is a native of Chicago, was a star player for Brooklyn last season.

**WHITEWASH GIVEN RALEIGH OUTFIT.**  
Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—The Phillies manager, Alexander, today gave a whitewash to the Raleigh team. The Phillies, who were the visiting team, won the game by a score of 10 to 0.

**CRASHING TRIPLE BRINGS VICTORY.**  
Mobile, Ala., March 24.—A crashing triple against the Mobile Southern League team today brought the Mobile team a victory. The Mobile team, who were the visiting team, won the game by a score of 5 to 3.

**MEMPHIS OUTFIT LOSES TO YANKS.**  
Memphis, Tenn., March 24.—The New York American League team today defeated the Memphis Southern Association club. The Yankees, who were the visiting team, won the game by a score of 4 to 2.

**SUPERBAS TAKE CLOSE CONTEST.**  
Chattanooga, Tenn., March 24.—Brooklyn hit the first and fifth innings of the game with the Browns. The Browns, who were the visiting team, won the game by a score of 5 to 3.

**HOPPE EASILY LEADS SCHAEFFER.**  
Philadelphia, March 24.—Willie Hoppe, world's billiard champion, easily defeated Jake Schaeffer in a match today. Hoppe, who is a native of Philadelphia, won the match by a score of 10 to 5.

**BROWNS OUTFIT EDITORS MEET AT ALEXANDRIA.**  
Alexandria, Va., March 24.—The Browns outfit today met with the editors of the local press at Alexandria. The meeting was held to discuss the future of the outfit.

**FOUND DEAD IN BATHROOM.**  
Young North Carolina Killed by Gas in Washington.  
Washington, March 24.—Dr. Oliver Kinsey, a young man, was found dead in a bathroom today. Kinsey, who was a native of North Carolina, was killed by gas.

**NEW CHEWING GUM TRUST.**  
New York, March 24.—A new chewing gum combination is in process of formation by George J. Whelan and his associates, the founders of the United Gum Company, and sponsors of the Ribi-Huggins Company.

**Unidentified Steamer Aground.**  
Washington, March 24.—An unidentified steamer was reported aground today south of Powey Rocks, near Miami Fla. The steamer, which was carrying a large cargo, was stuck on a reef.

**Remarkable Long Standing Case of Kidney Trouble and Catarrh Cured.**  
Here is a report Mr. J. E. Taylor, who resides at 146 Bank Street, Norfolk, Va., occupation a painter and decorator, has been a sufferer with kidney trouble for the past eight years; would have to get up at night six or eight times to void urine, which caused a smarting, burning sensation; back lame, sore and stiff, especially in the morning; at times so bad he could not work; has been losing flesh, growing weaker; at times felt despondent, for during all these long years he has spent his money for temporary relief. Pills, pellets, plasters, salves, oils—all of which have been only a relief, some

not even that. He called at the Law Building Pharmacy, where seemingly miraculous cures of catarrh, rheumatism, kidney, liver, stomach and bladder troubles, indigestion, constipation, procured one bottle of Quaker Herb Extract, one Oil of Balm, and after eight days' use reports he is just settling down fine; don't have any more pain in the back; don't have to get up at night; in fact, he is feeling better, appetite good, sleep refreshing, in fact, feels 100 per cent better every way.

Another remarkable report is Mr. W. P. Lassiter, who keeps a grocery store at Fayette Avenue, South Norfolk. Has had catarrh of the head, roaring, ringing noises, many times build muscles dripping down in throat, causing hoarseness, spitting all the time, stomach

would bloat, belching, lump of lead feeling in pit of stomach, palpitation of heart, shortness of breath, dizziness, headache, no appetite, losing flesh for the past three years; has taken enough medicine to fill a barrel, but nothing ever gave much relief. He started using Quaker Herb Extract, and today reports a wonderful improvement—in fact, he has not relieved of all that debilitated, despondent feeling and aches. Quaker Herb Extract is the only medicine that has ever reached his case. Reports are still pouring in from people right here at home. Call to-day at Tragle's drug store, 517 East Broad Street, and obtain Quaker Herb Extract, \$5.00 for six bottles, three for \$2.50; single, \$1.00. Oil of Balm, 50c—Advertisement.

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## TROOPS PRESERVE ORDER IN DEPEW

Following Riotous Scenes of Monday, Authorities Decide to Take No Chances.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Buffalo, N. Y., March 24.—With rifles fixed and bayonets leveled the State militia preserved order in Depew today. Following the riotous scenes of yesterday, in connection with the strike of the 2,500 employees of the Buffalo Coupler plant, the military authorities took no chances. Tonight the third battalion of the Seventy-fourth Regiment was moved to that village, making a total of about 1,000 men now on duty.

Martial law may be declared before tomorrow. Brigadier-General Welch summoned all of the saloon-keepers in the strike zone to-night, and warned them that any outbreak would be the signal for such action.

The situation is admitted to be desperate. Arms are being shipped into the village, and the villagers are securing them. This morning they received 100 rifles and ammunition. There are three Polish societies in the village, and all the members are armed. Many cases of cartridges were shipped there to-night by strike sympathizers, it is claimed. Feeling in the village runs high, and while the presence of the armed troops prevented outbreaks today, the trouble is slowly developing, and one incident may bring a pitched battle in the streets at any hour.

The troops thus far are only guarding the plant, and are not exposing themselves on patrol duty in the streets. It is likely that the Sixty-fifth Regiment will also be ordered to the scene before tomorrow night.

Sergeants Baker and Villa, of the Seventy-fourth Regiment, were brought to the hospital here to-night. They were hurt when an automobile skidded and ran into a pillar.

**Arrested on a Coplan.**  
On a Coplan sent to Buffalo by Danville, Va. A white man has been arrested. The charge against him is that of selling liquor without a license. The prisoner says he was tried for the offense in Danville, but sentence was suspended on condition that he would leave the village and not return. He has been at work for some time in this city, supporting a wife and five or six children. He has been in the employment of the Harrison Construction Company, now building the Y. M. C. A. home.

**Baseball Notes.**  
There will be a number of new faces in the line-up of the Petersburg baseball team this year, which plays the first exhibition game on Saturday with the Norfolk team. The new players are: George Kane, a pitcher, who has signed up for the outfield; and two new players, both of whom are new to the team. Both are expected to be in the first year in professional ball, handle themselves in the field like veterans.

Love, who caught for Durham, N. C., last year, reported yesterday. He weighs 155 pounds, has a fine record, and will appear in the game on Saturday.

Craven Couch, from Georgia, highly recommended by the Petersburg baseball team, arrived yesterday. He weighs 175 pounds, and this is his first year in professional ball. He comes from Emporia, and has the reputation of being one of the best amateur catchers in the State.

Love, who pitched and played outfield for Suffolk last year.

Bob Austin, pitcher, reported last night. He looks in prime condition. On his last year's performance with

Newport News he ought to prove a winner with the Goobers. Howell comes from Kentucky, and is here for a try-out for a catcher's job, and will likely land one. He is well built for a catcher, is fast, and is on his toes from the top of the legs.

**The Crater Celebration.**  
The subcommittee appointed to draft plans for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the battle of the Crater, July 30, met yesterday afternoon and agreed upon a plan which will be reported to the full executive committee, probably tomorrow evening. While the report has not been made public, it is understood the plan will be to have a grand and costly celebration, such as the proposed reproduction of the battle of the Crater, but will recommend a celebration of a memorial character, with suitable exercises and addresses.

The board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting yesterday night, adopted a resolution favoring a memorial celebration of a memorial character, as against a noisy and expensive celebration. And this seems to be the sentiment of the community.

Several days ago Chief of Police Bagland received a letter from Detective T. L. Felt, manager of the Baldwin Detective Agency at Shiloh, W. Va., enclosing the description of a man wanted for the murder of a negro named Horn, in McDowell County, W. Va., in 1911. Thomas was located at work out here in Chesterfield County, about four miles from Petersburg, where he was arrested. The man was brought to the jail here to await requisition. Thomas denies the charge of murder, and declares that he was never in West Virginia. He exactly answers the description of the man wanted by the police. Chief Bagland says he has notified the arrest.

Interest is growing in municipal politics, especially in the wards where there is opposition for wards on the Board of Aldermen and Commissioners. This is notably true in the First and Fifth wards. Leaders in politics are showing their hands also in the mayoralty contest, and that is attracting much interest.

**General News Notes.**  
Fire about 1 o'clock this morning destroyed an unoccupied building belonging to R. L. Chambers, on Jones Street. The fire caused a very bright light, but was confined to the building, and the loss is small.

Loveston Bros. have begun work clearing away the debris of their burned department store on Sycamore Street. They propose to erect a finer building than the old one was.

With the proceeds of the \$500,000 bonds recently sold at a premium to Baltimore financiers, the city will begin several important public improvements provided for in the bond ordinance. Among these are two bridges over the Appomattox.

A little girl, ten years of age, living on Highland Terrace, was made ill this morning by a severe cold, which she accidentally got hold of in the house. The service of a physician had to be called in.

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